

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**  
**THOMAS MCGILL**  
**ON BEHALF OF**  
**THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF**  
**DOCKET NO. 2022-60-T**

1   **Q.     PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND OCCUPATION.**

2   A.           My name is Thomas McGill. My business address is 1401 Main Street, Suite 900,  
3               Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. I am employed by the State of South Carolina as the  
4               Transportation Manager in the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”)  
5               Broadband, Communications, and Safety Department.

6   **Q.     PLEASE EXPLAIN ORS’S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT**  
7               **TO MOVERS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.**

8   A.           The ORS Transportation Department assists individuals and companies interested  
9               in providing household goods moving services in South Carolina with the Public Service  
10              Commission of South Carolina (“PSC” or “Commission”) application process. Either I or  
11              one of my team members meets with each applicant to review the application, assist with  
12              application revisions, inspect the applicant’s vehicles and equipment, educate the applicant  
13              on the PSC rules and regulations, review the tariff and bill of lading, and discuss the PSC  
14              hearing procedures. After the PSC hearing, ORS verifies applicants have complied with  
15              the Commission Order prior to issuing a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and  
16              Necessity (“CPCN”).

**Q. WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WORKING ON TRANSPORTATION MATTERS?**

A. I began working on transportation matters for ORS in 2017, and, since that time, I have participated in numerous transportation cases pending before the Commission. In that regard, I have conducted multiple inspections of applicants' vehicles and equipment, assisted them with the PSC application process and hearing procedures, and reviewed numerous tariffs and bills of lading. I also have testified in a variety of transportation matters over the last five years.

**Q. HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE APPLICATION FILED BY UPSTATE MOVING AND MORE, LLC ("UPSTATE") FOR A CLASS E (HOUSEHOLD GOODS) CPCN FOR OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER?**

A. Yes. I have reviewed Upstate's Application.

**Q. DOES THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION COMPLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS GOVERNING HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVERS?**

A. Yes. The information contained in the Application complies with the requirements contained in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-133.1 and other applicable regulations.

**Q. HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED BILL OF LADING AND TARIFF?**

A. Yes. On May 9, 2022, the Applicant filed a revised tariff and bill of lading for approval by this Commission and, on May 16, 2022, the Applicant filed a further revised proposed tariff and bill of lading. I have reviewed these documents and believe them to be

in compliance with the Commission's regulations governing Class E household goods movers.

**Q. DID YOU PERFORM AN INSPECTION OF THE APPLICANT'S VEHICLE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS?**

A. Yes. On April 27, 2022, I met with the Applicant to inspect its vehicle and place of business, including the straight truck and moving equipment the Applicant proposes to use to provide household goods moving services. During the inspection, I also reviewed the Application, the proposed bill of lading, and the proposed tariff with the Applicant. In addition, I provided the Applicant's representative with an overview of the Commission's pre-hearing conference and hearing procedures and offered him an opportunity to ask any questions he may have about the process

**Q. DID YOU OBSERVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE APPLICANT'S VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION?**

A. No. I did not observe any problems during the visual inspection of the vehicle and equipment I performed on April 27, 2022.

**Q. HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE APPLICANT'S QUOTE FOR PROPOSED INSURANCE?**

A. Yes. As shown on page 6 of its Application, Upstate provided the Commission with an insurance quote that reflects the Applicant intends to purchase insurance that complies with the schedule of minimum limits contained in S.C. Code Ann. Regs 103-172 and 103-173 for liability and cargo insurance.

**Q. BASED UPON YOUR REVIEW, HAS THE APPLICANT SHOWN THAT THEY WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF “FIT, WILLING AND ABLE” TO PROVIDE CLASS E HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA?**

A. Yes. Based on my review of the Application, the revised bill of lading and tariff, and my inspection of the vehicle, equipment, and place of business, Upstate has shown that it will meet the requirements of fit, willing, and able to provide Class E household goods moving services as contemplated in S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-133.1.

**Q. WILL YOU UPDATE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY BASED ON INFORMATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE?**

A. Yes. ORS full reserves the right to revise its recommendations via supplemental testimony should new information not previously provided by the Applicant, or other sources, become available.

**Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

A. Yes, it does.